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## **NAVAJO NATION COURTS CONTINUE OPERATIONS DURING PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

The Courts and programs of the Judicial Branch of the Navajo Nation continue to operate during the public health emergency. The Judicial Branch is aware that there is an executive order pertaining to closure of Navajo Nation government offices; however, the Courts must still provide services that are required by Navajo Nation law as the Courts are tasked with protecting the individual rights of each person as enumerated in the Navajo Bill of Rights and as recognized under Diné Bi Beenahaz'áanii.

The Judicial Branch is addressing the public health emergency by having only minimal staff in all judicial facilities and not opening the doors to the public at this time.

Though the doors are closed to the public, essential services continue to be provided. The Courts are accepting all case filings. These filings may be accepted by mail, email, fax, and/or by drop box at those facilities that have the boxes outside their court facilities. People must call the Court to ensure that documents are received. Those who are unable to submit a filing by the acceptable means should call the Court to arrange for alternate filing instructions.

Hearings for essential cases that have statutorily required timelines are being held by teleconference or telephone. Please contact the Court for more information. Essential cases include:

- (1) All criminal proceedings concerning an incarcerated defendant (i.e., arraignment, bail hearings, revocation hearings, etc.)
- (2) All proceedings concerning detained juveniles, abused or neglected minors (i.e., shelter care hearings);
- (3) Habeas corpus actions;
- (4) Involuntary commitment hearings (i.e., mental health commitments, guardianships, and other civil commitments);
- (5) Extraditions and federal detainees;
- (6) Order to Show Cause proceedings;
- (7) Applications for orders of protection and matters of enforcement;
- (8) Applications for injunctive relief; and
- (9) Proceedings essential to the public health state of emergency.

An application form for Domestic Abuse Protection Order is available on the Judicial Branch website.

Civil traffic fines for most courts may be paid online at <https://www.justiceweb.navajo-nsn.gov>. All other fines or fees may be paid by mailing a money order to the respective Court.

The Judicial Branch thanks the public for their patience as the Branch responds to the public health emergency.

Contact information for the Courts is as follows:

**Window Rock District Court**

P.O. Box 5520, Window Rock, AZ 86515  
Telephone: (928) 206-7469 or (928) 871-6626  
Fax: (928) 871-7560  
Email: [nnwrcourt@navajo-nsn.gov](mailto:nnwrcourt@navajo-nsn.gov)

**Chinle District Court**

P.O. Box 547, Chinle, AZ 86503  
Telephone: (928) 674-2070  
Fax: (928) 674-2089  
Email: [nnchcourt@navajo-nsn.gov](mailto:nnchcourt@navajo-nsn.gov)

**Shiprock District Court**

P.O. Box 1168, Shiprock, NM 87420  
Telephone: (505) 368-1270  
Fax: (505) 368-1288  
Email: [nnsrcourt@navajo-nsn.gov](mailto:nnsrcourt@navajo-nsn.gov)

**Crownpoint District Court & Pueblo Pintado Circuit Court**

P.O. Box 6, Crownpoint, NM 87313  
Telephone: (505) 786-2072 or (928) 551-0942  
Fax: (505) 786-2086  
Email: [nnpcpcourt@navajo-nsn.gov](mailto:nnpcpcourt@navajo-nsn.gov)  
Email: [nnppcourt@navajo-nsn.gov](mailto:nnppcourt@navajo-nsn.gov)

**Kayenta District Court**

P.O. Box 2700, Kayenta, AZ 86033  
Telephone: (928) 697-5541  
Fax: (928) 697-5546  
Email: [nnkycourt@navajo-nsn.gov](mailto:nnkycourt@navajo-nsn.gov)

**Tuba City District Court**

P.O. Box 725, Tuba City, AZ 86045  
Telephone: (928) 283-3140 or (928) 283-3147  
Fax: (928) 283-3158  
Email: [nntccourt@navajo-nsn.gov](mailto:nntccourt@navajo-nsn.gov)

**Ramah District Court**

P.O. Box 309, Ramah, NM 87321  
Telephone: (505) 775-3218

Fax: (505) 775-3399  
Email: [nrmcourt@navajo-nsn.gov](mailto:nrmcourt@navajo-nsn.gov)

**Dilkon District Court**

HC 63 Box 787, Winslow, AZ 86047  
Telephone: (928) 551-2385  
Fax: 928-657-8146  
Email: [nndkcourt@navajo-nsn.gov](mailto:nndkcourt@navajo-nsn.gov)

**Aneth District Court**

P.O. Box 320, Montezuma Creek, UT 84534  
Telephone: (435) 651-3545  
Fax: (435) 651-3546  
Email: [anethcourt@navajo-nsn.gov](mailto:anethcourt@navajo-nsn.gov)

**Alamo Court**

P.O. Box 5458, Alamo, NM 87825  
Telephone: (575) 854-2668  
Fax: (575) 854-2660  
Email: [nalcourt@navajo-nsn.gov](mailto:nalcourt@navajo-nsn.gov)

**To'Hajiilee Court**

P.O. Box 3101-A, To'Hajiilee, NM 87026  
Telephone: (505) 908-2817  
Fax: (505) 908-2819  
Email: [nntocourt@navajo-nsn.gov](mailto:nntocourt@navajo-nsn.gov)

**Dzil Yijiin District Court**

P.O. Box 129, Pinon, AZ 86510  
Telephone: (928) 725-3781  
Fax: (928) 725-3786  
Email: [nndycourt@navajo-nsn.gov](mailto:nndycourt@navajo-nsn.gov)

**Supreme Court**

P.O. Box 520, Window Rock, AZ 86515  
Telephone: (505) 567-4448  
Fax: (928) 871-7016  
Email: [nnsupremecourt@navajo-nsn.gov](mailto:nnsupremecourt@navajo-nsn.gov)

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